

Notice of upcoming Level 1, Level 2 and Refresher Tree Marking Courses, 2019

As you are already aware, Forests Ontario and the Canadian Institute of Forestry deliver the Ontario Tree Marking Courses, managing all aspects of the Level 1, Level 2, and Refresher Courses, under agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Following is information on the Level 1, Level 2 and Refresher Courses that will be available this year. Please share this message with any of your staff or other partners who may require the training or would find it of interest.

A Level 1 Tree Marking Course will be held from September 9 - 13, 2019 in Huntsville, ON. There is a maximum registration of 24 participants. This course will provide training sufficient to allow people to function in a tree marking crew under the supervision of a more experienced person, and for successful candidates following a Field Evaluation Audit, can lead to issuance of a Level 1 Tree Marking Course Certificate. We do have spaces available but those interested should register as soon as possible for consideration.

For those with limited forest management or tree marking experience to date, a series of Tree Marker E-Learning Modules have been prepared, serving as a primer to help potential students meet the learning objectives of the Level 1 Tree Marking Course. We strongly recommend working through the series of free e-learning modules that are available on the Tree Marking Program website - <https://treemarking.com/e-learning-modules/>, and if after completing those modules the candidate feels comfortable with the material, they are encouraged to enrol for the Level 1 course.

The Level 1 course and exam cost is \$2,500 which includes 4 days of class and field instruction and a series of written and field exams on the 5th day. All manuals and other course materials, as well as refreshments and lunch on each day of the course are provided. Students are responsible for other meals and for their own accommodations.

A Level 2 Auditors Course will be offered on Sept 24, 25 and 26 in Mattawa at the Canadian Ecology Centre, 6905 Hwy 17, PO Box 430 Mattawa, ON, P0H 1V0. This course will be held subject to a minimum registration level being reached. We do have spaces available but those interested should register as soon as possible for consideration. Successful completion of this course will allow participants to function as tree marking auditors.

The Level 2 course and exam cost is \$1,500 which includes 2.5 days of class and field instruction and a series of written and field exams on the final day. All manuals and other course materials, as well as refreshments and lunch on each day of the course are provided. Students are responsible for other meals and for their own accommodations.

A single 1.5-day Refresher Course will be offered on October 1 and 2 in the Huntsville area. Both Level 1 and Level 2 Certificates expire after 5 years and renewal through a Refresher Course is required prior to that time in order to maintain the qualification. The exact location of the course will be confirmed in the next few months.

The Refresher course and exam cost is \$500 which includes 1.5 days of class and field instruction as well as a field and written exam.

If any of your staff or partners require either the Level 1, Level 2 or a Refresher Course, please make them aware of this opportunity, and urge them to register through the Ministry's "Learning Compass" platform. Anyone wishing to take one of these courses, can register online at: <https://learningcompass.learnflex.net>.

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Applicants for any of the Tree Marking Courses may be eligible for support funding through the Canada-Ontario Job Grant. Note that some but not all applications have been successful, however it is very much worth it for private sector employers to investigate the availability of this support for those of their staff who require training. Information on the Grant can be found at: <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/cojg/>

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